(b) whether the Railways have achieved the purpose of acquisition;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Ministry has received a memorandum from Eravipuram Railway User's Association; and

(f) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) the land adjacent to Eravipuram railway station was acquired in 1998 at a cost of Rs. 7,37,489/for proposed conversion of the existing Halt station to Flag station.

(b) to (d) Land was acquired considering the expected future requirements of development of this station.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Abolition of Railway Board

2867. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to abolish the Railway Board; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) At present no proposal is under consideration of the Government for abolition of Railway Board.

Averted rail accident at Varakkalpattu

2868. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an accident of a passenger train was averted at Varakkalpattu in Cuddalore district on 25th June, 2001, by the timely action of the train driver; and